

ELLIS GETS LIFE TERM FOR MURDER

St. Louis Man Convicted of Killing Sweetheart Last November.

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 18.—Albert Ellis, 21 years old, charged with first degree murder, for the death of his former sweetheart, Edna Ellis, 18, was found guilty by a jury in circuit court tonight, and his punishment fixed at life imprisonment. The body of the girl, the throat cut, was found in a vacant lot near her home here November 5, last.

The verdict was returned about four hours after the case went to the jury. Ellis was apparently unmoved by the result. His counsel announced an appeal would be taken.

The state had demanded the death penalty.

Authorities described the Ellis murder as one of the most brutal in the history of local criminal annals.

The girl, a typist, failed to return home from work on the night of November 4. A search began the next morning, resulted in the discovery of her mutilated body. Her throat was cut and both hands indicated she struggled with her assailant for possession of the weapon with which she was killed.

Albert Ellis, an electrician's helper, and a former suitor, was questioned by the police but afterwards released.

Mrs. Marie Ellis, the mother of the slain girl, told the police her daughter and Ellis had been engaged, but that the girl broke the engagement after a quarrel and Ellis had threatened her.

Ellis was arrested the day after the murder and on the following morning after a lengthy examination by the police signed an alleged confession.

According to this statement Ellis lay in wait for the girl and killed her with a razor because she refused his attempts at reconciliation.

TO ORGANIZE FIRE PREVENTION UNIT

Representatives of the National Fire Prevention and Conservation Council were in town Wednesday in the interest of organizing a unit at this place.

The purpose of the organization is to educate the public and children in regard to the necessity of fire prevention in order to save life and property.

The unnecessary loss by fire each year is enormous. Most fires could be prevented by observance of the rules laid down by this organization. They interest the city officials, the faculty of the schools and others in the work and by-laws and rules are adopted. The Boy Scouts often do valuable work along this line.

The gentlemen who are here to promote the organization are A. B. Diggin, of Springfield, chairman; W. A. McKenzie, of Kansas City; Frank Krause, Monroe City; Dudley Hoffman of St. Louis and Chas. Brough, of Kansas City. These men were assigned Aurora and Monett as their territory in which to organize.

A meeting was held at the directors room of the First National Bank at 1:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, and they talked over plans for organizing a unit. The Mayor of the city will call a special session of the Commercial Club in the near future and they will elect officers.

TRIAL OF CLARA SMITH HAMON SET FOR MARCH 8

Ardmore, Okla., Jan. 18.—The trial of Mrs. Clara Smith Hamon, who is at liberty on bond charged with murder in connection with the death of Jake L. Hamon, has been set for March 8 in the district court of Carter county, it was announced today by Jesse Lasley, court clerk.

Mrs. Wm. Meagher and Miss Maggie Green were shopping in Joplin, Wednesday.

WELL ATTENDED ROAD MEETING HELD AT AURORA

(From the Aurora Advertiser.)

At the instance of our neighboring towns to the east and to the west a road meeting was held here this Tuesday, afternoon, which was well attended and brought about a permanent organization to look after the interests of Billings, Marionville, Aurora, Verona, Monett, Peirce City and Neosho.

The meeting was called to order by R. L. Matthews, president of the Ad. Club, who insisted that a chairman of the meeting be selected from the visiting cities, and S. A. Chapell of Monett was named, with Mr. Matthews as secretary.

The first thing that developed was that the towns named all favored good roads, and that they felt whatever was done about the \$60,000,000 road fund, these towns would stand together. They represented the main arteries of this section. It was to be found a large portion of the taxable property, as well as fully two-thirds of the trucks and motor vehicles.

The sense of the meeting was that there should be primary and secondary roads, but that the primary road did not necessarily mean a concrete road for its full length. The expressed thought was that whatever was done, should be to the end that good roads be built, and not that entanglements might be brought that would defeat the building.

Billings was represented by Berghaus and Algier; Marionville by Easley, Coleman, Owens, Brennan and Turrentine; Neosho by A. E. Weston; Verona, Ira Askins; Monett by Chapell, Nelson, Davis and Mermond; Peirce City, Locke and Whitson; Jenkins by Hibbard and Zinn; Cato Hudson and Daugherty; Aurora, Mathers and Woodfill of the permanent road committee, Heagerty, Breidow, LeSieur, Burchard, J. N. Reynolds, Gilliam, Raubinger, Thompson, Atkinson, Browning, Jester, Forest Jones, Voelpel, Matthews and others.

A committee from each town was appointed to attend the road meeting to be held at Jefferson City on the 26th and 27th of this month.

Berghaus said Billings had been holding meetings, and Weston said Neosho had meetings every two weeks and they discussed this road move from every point of view. These gentlemen, in presenting facts unknown to others at the meeting, showed the necessity of organization and keeping in touch with affairs. As Berghaus said, "These matters may move slowly and again they may move rapidly. Preparedness is a fine thing."

WEST BETHEL

Health is reported good in the community.

Vernon Goodnight visited Bethel school, Monday afternoon.

Mrs. J. T. Henderson visited her daughter, Mrs. O. M. Ennis, Friday afternoon.

Miss Esther Lasley spent Thursday night with Mr. and Mrs. Albion Erickson.

There will be one more month of the Bethel school.

Among those who attended church at Mt. Grove, Sunday from Bethel, were Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Henderson, Harlon McCoy, Mrs. O. M. Ennis, and children, Mr. and Mrs. Albion Erickson and son.

Rev. Sherman Erickson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Vernie Smith and daughter, Velma May were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde McCormick, Sunday.

F. H. Schaffer superintendent of the eastern division of the Frisco was in the city on business today.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Baer have moved from 801 Lincoln avenue to 407 Frisco avenue, into the Parker estate property.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Ragain, of Purdy, motored to Monett on business Tuesday.

Miss Clyde Marshall, stenographer for Attorneys Sizer & Gardner, has resumed work after several days visit with her parents at Purdy.

Miss Blanche Blakeslee went to Purdy, Wednesday, to spend a week with her grand-mother, Mrs. M. F. Counts.

Mrs. E. L. Jerome, and her sister, Mrs. I. N. Funk, of Bethany, Mo., went to Joplin, Wednesday, to spend several days with relatives.

L. A. Manley, who has been quarantined for smallpox, has been released, and was down town, yesterday.

Dr. D. E. Miller reports the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. I. A. McCracken, Saturday, January 15.

The family of G. W. Mooney on Ninth street has been released from quarantine for the smallpox.

Walter T. Decatur left Tuesday night for St. Louis to enter the St. Louis hospital for treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Pilkenton were parents of a baby boy born Monday, January 17, which only lived five hours.

FARM POULTRY SUCCESSFUL SQUAB RAISING

Birds Must Be Kept Free From Disease and Insect Parasites—Keep House Clean.

There is very little chance of making money from squabs, unless the pigeons can be kept comparatively free from disease and insect parasites, pigeon specialists of the United States Department of Agriculture point out. If healthy breeding stock is obtained, the houses and yards kept clean, and careful attention given to the birds, diseases and parasites should not be a troublesome factor in squab raising.

The stock should be carefully watched and any sick birds removed



Healthy breeding stock is essential for success with pigeons.

from the breeding pens. The house should be kept dry, clean, well ventilated, and free from drafts. Have the floor covered with 1 inch of fine gravel and rake off frequently the manure which collects on the top. Keep the yards clean either by scraping the surface and adding fresh soil or gravel, or by digging over the land and, if possible, planting it to grain.

The best nest boxes, and pens should be kept clean, but it is not advisable to disturb more than necessary the nests that contain eggs or squabs. Spray the pens frequently with white-wash containing a little crude carbolic acid, or with a coal-tar disinfectant; examine the birds for feather lice, which are troublesome, especially in hot weather. Birds having many lice should be treated with sodium fluorid, either dusting by the pinch method or dipping in a solution, the latter method being preferable. The nests or nest pans should be cleaned out and the nesting material removed whenever dirty, care being taken not to disturb the squabs any more than is absolutely necessary.

EXERCISE QUITE IMPORTANT

Close Confinement During Winter Months Is Not Conducive to Profitable Results.

During the spring season fowls having free range get abundant exercise, but during the cold months many hens suffer from lack of exercise. Close confinement without exercise is not conducive to getting the best results from a flock, although the feed provided may be the best, for idle hens soon grow too fat to lay. It is almost impossible to give laying hens that are confined too much exercise.

The fowls may be encouraged to exercise in various ways, such as suspending cabbage heads, beets, etc., so that the birds have to jump for them and scattering grain in the litter. The litter should be from four to eight inches deep and may consist of straw (either cut or whole), hay, leaves, buckwheat hulls, shredded corn fodder, or any like convenient material. The hens should be kept hungry enough so that they will work diligently all day for the corn scattered in this litter, say poultry specialists of the United States Department of Agriculture. Whenever the litter becomes damp or soiled it must be removed and fresh put in.

GREEN FEEDS FOR CHICKENS

Sprouted Oats, Alfalfa Meal, Chopped Alfalfa, Clover Hay and Beets Are Recommended.

Good kinds of green feeds for hens in winter, recommended by the United States Department of Agriculture, are sprouted oats, alfalfa meal, chopped alfalfa and clover hay, cabbages and mangel beets. Cabbages may be hung up in the poultry house; the beets are usually split and stuck on a nail on the side wall of the pen about a foot above the floor to keep the feed clean. Keep oyster shells, grit, charcoal, and plenty of clean drinking water before the hens all the time.

PULLETS MAKE BEST LAYERS

Feeding Stimulants or Highly Concentrated Food Is Most Injurious Practice.

When pullets are forced to lay early, by stimulants or highly concentrated food, it is an injury, as it taxes their vitality. A pullet that is forced will lay very small eggs for a while, and when she ceases, in order to rest, she will not begin again as soon as an ordinary hen. She becomes prematurely old, and, on the average, does not prove as profitable as when she is given time to mature before beginning to lay.

MANY BILLS BEFORE ASSEMBLY

Women Succeed in Having Introduced Seventeen of the Unpassed Bills Of Children's Code.

Jefferson City, Jan. 18.—A measure providing senatorial redistricting was introduced in the house today by J. Allen Prewitt of Jackson. Under the bill there would be eight instead of six senators in St. Louis and four instead of two in Jackson county. In Kansas City the courts would establish the boundaries of the districts.

Other bills introduced in the house today provide for the following:

A purchasing agent in all counties; a new beverage tax, a city planning commission in cities of less than 50,000; zoning commissions in cities when established by ordinance; sellers of firearms to stamp record of sale on it, to keep a record of purchasers; for permits to carry revolvers to be issued only by the circuit clerk.

By succeeding in having introduced in the house this morning seventeen of the unpassed bills of the children's code, the women feel that they have made a good beginning in getting these bills up for first consideration of the legislature.

Representative John C. Dyott, Willow Springs, introduced bills in the house to deal with the rights of children born out of wedlock to inherit property, provide for the mandatory commitment of the feeble minded, provide for state supervision of boarding homes for infants and require licensing of maternity homes. Persons contributing to the delinquency of children and minors are to be punished under the provisions of another of the bills and the marriage of mental defectives is prohibited.

Four bills were introduced by Representative H. Paul Bestor, Caruthersville. They relate to the solemnization of marriages of defectives, provide for the separation of blacks and whites in public institutions, make null and void common law marriages hereafter contracted, and makes compulsory the treatment with a prophylactic of the eyes of new-born infants.

Representative Eugene Fair, Kirksville, introduced a bill changing the names of the county boards of visitors to county board of public welfare and providing for the appointment of parole officers. Another bill introduced by Fair provides for the establishment of social boards of welfare in rural communities.

CITY COUNCIL PAYS OFF BONDS

The city council met Tuesday and transacted considerable business. They passed an ordinance to pay off eight Electric light bonds, which amounted to \$4,000.

Interest was paid on bonds as follows: judgment funding bonds, \$366.28 water works improvement bonds, \$501.25; electric light bonds, \$238.09.

The report of the city engineer on the curbing and guttering of Eighth street was accepted and an ordinance was passed to issue tax bills to pay for the same.

A resolution was passed to employ Arthur Braithwaite, of Joplin, to audit the accounts of the city.

The quarterly report of the city clerk was accepted and arrangements were made for its publication.

Paddy Clinton went to Joplin, Tuesday, to see Lasses White, who played in his own company at the Joplin Theatre. Lasses White, until of late with the Al G. Field's Minstrels, has organized a company of his own.

HELP THE KIDNEYS

Monett Readers Are Learning The Way.

It's the little kidney ills—The lame, weak or aching back—The unnoticed urinary disorders—That may lead to dropsy and Bright's disease.

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HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

Misses Thelma Matthews and Pauline Gabriel are teaching the Belview school, which is northeast of Monett, this week. This school is taught by Mrs. Brite, but she has let the girls have charge this week, which is a requirement of their Teacher Training Course.

A number of new subjects will be taken up the last semester of this year. The Occupations class will take up Commercial Law. The Citizenship class will take up Economics and the advanced Algebra class will begin the study of higher arithmetic.

The grade cards will be handed out the last part of the week.

THE CRIME WAVE

Federal Judge Van Valkenburg calls attention to the fact that very few soldiers are being arrested for crime, although a belief seems to prevail that the war is responsible for the crime wave in that it made people indifferent to human life so far as the lives of others are concerned. While some returned soldiers are guilty of crimes the rule appears to be that the criminals are nothing but criminals. They are not men out of work or soldiers in distress. They are just indolent fellows who would rather steal than work. The war might have had some influence on their minds but it came from reading about it rather than being in it.—Springfield Leader.

FIRE PREVENTION IS EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS

Fire prevention is a subject for community thought and community action because fire is in itself a community subject. This is due to the fact that fire is a restless force which ever seeks to break its bonds. The match in any man's pocket, the flame in any lamp, the spark from any motor, may be localized at a single point in one hour and in the next have become transformed into a spreading fire which threatens a number of buildings. When such a fire assumes large proportions we call it conflagration, and then it is very much a community affair, since it may plunge hundreds or even thousands of people into a community of dire misfortune.

Everybody gets a thrill when the engines go clanging through the streets, but it is an expensive thrill compared with the feeling of satisfaction that comes from having a few extra firemen to do thorough fire prevention work. A loss from fire on buildings insured and uninsured, with the maintenance of the fire department and watersupply service the United States more than \$2,000,000 a day. Last year 15,219 persons were burned to death and 17,941 were seriously injured. These figures can be greatly reduced through systematic, thorough fire prevention work on the part of municipal departments.—American City.

The Country Gentleman in its issue of January 15, contains an article by Jay B. Iden, "The Arkansas River Valley." The sub-head is "A Mighty Agricultural Empire is the Basin of our Third Longest Stream." The article takes the river from its course in Central Colorado, through the Kansas plains, Oklahoma and Arkansas. The article is written in Mr. Iden's own pleasing style and shows much research and study. It is a very interesting article and all who know Mr. Iden and his writings will be glad to read it. Mr. Iden has written a series of such articles for the publication.

LIBERTY

Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Mulkey and children, Wilma and Russell, spent Sunday with the former's brother, J. O. Mulkey and wife.

We are very glad to hear of the success of the singing school at Ebenezer.

George Foster, of Exeter, Calif., is visiting her brother, James Foster and other relatives.

J. E. Mulkey and Will Davis attended court at Mt. Vernon, last week. They are serving as petit jurors.

Mr. and Mrs. Talmadge Vantuyt spent Sunday with the latter's parents Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Jenkins.

We are glad indeed to note that the smallpox scare in this community has subsided.

Mrs. Jas. Mulkey who has been ill is slowly improving.

Mrs. Ed. Gaydou is on the sick list. Louis, Elbert and Effie Tate are attending the singing school at Ebenezer.

Next Sunday is our regular preaching day at Liberty. All are cordially invited to come.

Dr. M. C. Hagler, of New Braunfels, Texas, formerly of Monett, is an appreciative reader of The Times. In sending in the renewal of his subscription he said: "We appreciate the Monett Times very much and look forward with much eagerness to its coming each week."

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